news item. Effort is being made to obtain the said report and response of the Government therein would be laid on the Table of the House.

Income tax raids

†2137. SHRIMATI SAVITA SHARDA:
PROF M. SANKARALINGAM:

Will the Minister of FINANCE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item captioned "IT raid makes record haul of over Rs. 8 crores" appearing in Indian Express dated 16th April, 2002;

(b) if so, what are the details of the IT raids conducted in major cities during the last one year;

(c) whether Government have taken the help of other agencies which helped the IT to widen the scope of investigation;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e)The details of persons apprehended together with those against whom action has been taken; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI GINGEE N. RAMACHANDRAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Details of searches conducted in the four metropolitan cities during the last one year (1.7.2001 to 30.6.2002) are given below:

City	Number of warrants	Seizure (Rs. in lakhs)
Mumbai	1266	16507.57
Delhi	687	5857.11
Kolkata	328	3585.28
Chennai	276	2511.49

(c) and (d) Information is exchanged among various agencies as and when required to carry out coordinated investigations.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(e) and (f)The IncomeTax Act provides for launching of prosecution for various offences prescribed therein, but does not give power to the IncomeTax Authorities to arrest a person. In all these cases assessments of income are still pending and same shall be completed within the statutory time limit of two years from the end of the month in which a search was concluded.

Credit deposit ratio in Bihar

2138. SHRI LALU PRASAD: Will the Minister of FINANCE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the deposit in the nationalised banks in Bihar is nearly Rs. 31 thousand crores;

(b) whether it is also a fact that as against the deposit of Rs. 31 thousand crores the credit to people by these banks stand fts. 8 thousand crores *i.e.* 23%;

(c) whether it is also a fact that due to faulty system of nationalised banks, the credit-deposit ratio in Bihar does not improve; and

(d) if the answers to above parts be in the affirmative, whether Government propose to remove the imbalance?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE AND COMFANY AFFAIRS (SHRI ANANT GANGARAM GEETE): (a) and (b) Reserve Bank of India (RBI) have reported that the aggregate deposits and gross Bank credit of public sector banks (State Bank of India and its associate banks and nationalised banks) was Rs.25,576.70 crore and Rs.5468.09 crore respectively as on 31 st March, 2002. Accrodingly Credit Deposit (CD) Ratio works out to 21.4 per cent.

(c) and (d) A Special Task Force was set up consequent to a State Level Bankers' Committee (SLBC) meeting held on 7th January, 1999 wherein serious concern over the declining Credit Deposit (CD) ratio in Bihar was expressed. The task force was asked to look into the industry related problems in Bihar. A Sub-Committee was accordingly formed to